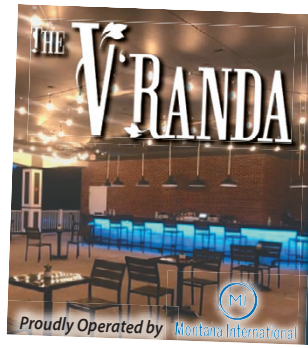


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**Final Day**  
of the season at  
**The V Randa** is this  
Sunday, October 1st.  
Watch Buffalo squish  
the fish at The V  
this Sunday.



The North Tonawanda City Market is teeming with customers visiting a wide variety of vendors. It is located at 310 Robinson St., North Tonawanda. (Submitted)

## NT Market celebrates national honor with Customer Appreciation Day

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The North Tonawanda City Market, which was recently named the No. 1 best farmers market in the U.S., will host a grand celebration from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Saturday in recognition of the national honor during a Customer Appreciation Day.

The NT City Market is located at 310 Robinson St.

"Words cannot express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all the wonderful people of Western New York for making us the No. 1 Farmers Market in America," said NT Market Manager Chris Delprince.

All of WNY is invited to come for a day of fun, shopping and entertainment. Free refreshments provided by Senek Farms, Tower Orchards, Dukes Donuts and Ko's Kettle Corn include apple cider, apple cider doughnuts, apples and kettle corn, with live music from the Good News Band and more.

There will also be a brief program and special recognitions beginning at 11 a.m. A check presentation will also be made to the

North Tonawanda Athletic Association and WNY Heroes, the two charities that were the recipients from the proceeds of the inaugural NT Corn Fest held in August.

"The outpouring show of support demonstrated to the entire country that the North Tonawanda City Market is truly a very special experience to behold," North Tonawanda Mayor Austin Tylec said.

Special stickers saying "I shop at the #1 Farmers Market in America," along with bumper stickers from the American Farmland Trust, will also be given away at Saturday's celebration.

Sponsored by the American Farmland Trust-Farmers Market Coalition, the contest began June 20 and ended Sept. 18. The 15th annual America's Farmers Market Celebration showcases the essential markets across the nation making a difference for farmers, ranchers and communities.

A letter received by Delprince from the American Farmland Trust read: "Congratulations! I'm excited to inform you that with

18,326 votes North Tonawanda City Market has placed No. 1 in the nation, No. 1 in the Northeast region and No. 1 in New York. The 15th annual America's Farmers Market Celebration, presented by American Farmland Trust (AFT) and Farmers Market Coalition (FMC) was a huge success, with over 2,000 markets participating. Thank you for an amazing year."

Delprince said, "The excitement that this competition created was something like I have never seen before at our farmers market. From the farmers, vendors, community, businesses and people both young and old, everyone was all on board. As the market manager, for me it was all about the creation of a tremendous marketing opportunity that would generate great exposure for the market."

In addition to bragging rights, the NT City Market has won cash prizes, a gift box of merchandise, and complimentary memberships to AFT and FMC, for being named one of America's favorite farmers markets of 2023.



## Q&A with Darryl Tonemah on Lewiston Opera Hall, new Folk Festival

BY JOSHUA MALONI  
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Having grown up on the Tuscarora Reservation and headlined myriad events in and around town, Darryl Tonemah is familiar to Lewiston.

And, with a Ph.D. in counseling psychology and cultural studies, a master's degree in community counseling, three bachelor's degrees (psychology, sociology and gerontology), plus work in film and TV, six albums, and gigs with Foreigner,

Three Dog Night, Hootie & the Blowfish, and Creedence, creating diverse content that appeals to many is familiar to Tonemah.

Late last year, Tonemah and partners purchased the historic Lewiston Opera Hall at 732 Center St. They spent the summer months refurbishing the top floor – a performance area, and a gathering space for former building owner the Sacarissa Bell Rose Lodge of the  
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## WiNUP raises funds for Community Missions

The Women's International Network of Utility Professionals returned to its New York roots this week. To mark the organization's 100th anniversary, WiNUP presented its annual conference at the Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino.

As part of the four-day event, funds were raised for Community Missions of Niagara Frontier. On Wednesday morning, agency Vice President of Public Relations and Development Christian Hoffman and Girls Circle

Lead Facilitator Elizabeth Freiburger served as guest speakers. They shared Community Missions' history, purpose and recent programming additions. Following their talk, a check presentation has held, revealing a donation topping \$4,400.

Funds were raised through a silent auction, and WiNUP member and conference attendee donations.

Since its founding in 1925, Community Missions has provided a unique blend of referral, crisis,

community support and residential services for youth and adults. Last year, Community Missions provided over 200,000 meals and more than 13,000 nights of care to neglected or abused children and homeless adults.

Freiburger said the WiNUP donation would be put toward the Girls Circle program, specifically for art programs and graduation ceremonies.

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At a check presentation inside the Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino on Wednesday, Women's International Network of Utility Professionals conference charity committee co-chairs Kristin J. Duggins and Judy Hurd present a check for more than \$4,400 to Community Missions of Niagara Frontier's Girls Circle Lead Facilitator Elizabeth Freiburger and Vice President of Public Relations and Development Christian Hoffman. (Photo by Joshua Maloni)

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